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Minneapolis City Hall dances into Pride Month with a drag show

A performance in the majestic City Hall rotunda featured lots of rainbow lights and sheer tights in celebration of the city’s LGBTQ community.

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Drag performer Starr Dust dances with City Council President Elliott Payne during a drag show and breakfast to celebrate Pride Month on Thursday, June 11, at Minneapolis City Hall. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

Drag show dancers catwalked, vogued and cartwheeled around the Father of the Waters statue at Minneapolis City Hall on Thursday, spotlighting LGBTQ culture for Pride Month.

The event, which is believed to be the first drag and ballroom show hosted inside City Hall, was sponsored by the City Council; the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Employee Resource Group and the city’s Neighborhood and Community Relations Department.

The breakfast-time crowd included many City Council members and Mayor Jacob Frey. Throughout the performance in the City Hall’s rotunda, speakers addressed the audience from a podium decorated with a rainbow feather boa.

Council Member Jason Chavez, who has described himself as “the only out LGBTQ+ person” on the council, told the crowd: “You belong here in Minneapolis; you belong here in Minnesota, and you belong in this country despite what they say.”

After the show, the City Council formalized its support of Pride Month with an honorary resolution encouraging people to participate in community events.

Drag performer Hunky Dory performs during a drag show and breakfast to celebrate Pride Month on Thursday at Minneapolis City Hall. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

Minneapolis City Council Member Jason Chavez takes the elevator to City Council chambers after a drag show and breakfast to celebrate Pride Month on Thursday at City Hall. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

Drag performer Starr Dust performs during a drag show and breakfast to celebrate Pride Month. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

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Performer Ibimina 007 performs ballroom during a drag show and breakfast. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

Minneapolis City Council Member Jason Chavez reads a 2026 Pride Month honorary resolution in council chambers after a drag show and breakfast to celebrate Pride Month. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

Drag performer Starr Dust performs during a drag show and breakfast. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

Drag performer Hunky Dory performs during a drag show and breakfast to celebrate Pride Month. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

The audience listens during the speakers at a drag show and breakfast to celebrate Pride Month. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

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